

Independent claims 1, 10, 15, 20, and 21 include pushing an application from a mobile node to a network appliance and enabling the mobile node to wirelessly communicate at least one management operation to the pushed application. Accordingly, these claims recite more than just sending commands to the appliance. Such commands correspond to a management operation of the appliance. The claims, however, also include pushing the application associated with these management operations from the mobile node to the network appliance. Without the application being pushed to the network appliance, the management operations (e.g., commands) from the mobile node will not be executed properly or at all. None of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest these claim elements.

The Office Action acknowledges that Schuster does not teach or suggest these claim elements. Sizer teaches transmitting packets of control information to an appliance, such as a coffee pot (not a network appliance). This, however, is simply providing a management operation to the appliance. No application has been pushed from the mobile node to the appliance. The application already resides on the appliance. Olgaard operates similarly with the mobile node directing operations of an interface client using applications already available on the interface client, although Oldgaard also suggests pushing programs from a server to the mobile node - opposite the direction recited in the claims. (Oldgaard, Col. 7, lines 63-66.)

Thus, none of the references teach or suggest all of the elements of the claims, including pushing an application from a mobile node to a network appliance. For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable and request that the rejections of the claims be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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